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Howdy,

Thanks for handling the Microsoft judgement this way. It bodes good for us all. In essence, what we've got here is that if I am found guilty of breaking any law of these United States, that if I don't agree with the outcome, that I also have the right to sit down with the prosecution and work out a solution that is agreeable with me, despite what the laws state, correct? Thanks for setting the precedence, this means that every supposed lawbreaker in the future will have the same opportunity to self adjust their punishment that you have given Microsoft. I'm sure that they will be glad to hear it. Oh, and does that also apply to the people that have broken laws in the past, ie. racketeers, smugglers, etc? Keep up the good work.

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